

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

24 September 3, 2013

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ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS TO THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT IN BALDWIN HILLS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for \$3,244,230 of Second Supervisorial District County Specified Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority for acquisition and development in Baldwin Hills.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find the proposed project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
- 2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for \$3,244,230 of Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the acquisition of land and development of related facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) to apply for \$3,244,230 of Second Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District), pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition). Funding will be used for the acquisition of land for park, wildlife, natural and open space purposes and for development of appurtenant recreation facilities and public access in Baldwin Hills.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is requesting that your Board allocate \$3,244,230 of County Specified Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to the Authority for the acquisition and development in Baldwin Hills.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational opportunities in the Baldwin Hills area of the Second District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$3,244,230 is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Specified Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method of determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended action will allow the Authority to apply for funds from the County's Specified Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

Pursuant to the District's Procedural Guide, the governing body of the agency, assigning the right to apply to another entity, must adopt a resolution to authorize the assignment.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and the attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of acquisition of land to preserve open space or lands for park purposes. There are no specific development projects identified at this time. Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA) is a lead agency under CEQA and as such, it will be responsible for complying with CEQA as needed.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will not have an impact on services or any current or planned projects; it will allow for the acquisition and development of additional open space and recreational opportunities within Baldwin Hills.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (213) 637-1845 or Irobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Faith Parducho at (213) 368-5838 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Vanessa Paniagua at (213) 738-2844 or vpaniagua@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosures

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING ASSIGNMENT TO THE BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 FOR ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT IN BALDWIN HILLS

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County), pursuant to Section 24, Subsection b of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds allocated for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the purpose of the 1996 Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (Authority) is requesting \$3,244,230 of Second Supervisorial District County Specified Excess Funds for the acquisition of land and for development of related recreational facilities, other amenities, and public access in Baldwin Hills (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will submit an amendment to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to supplement an existing grant to fund the Project. The Authority will be required to provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1996 Proposition and the District's procedural guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby assigns to the Baldwin Regional Conservation Authority the County's right to apply for \$3,244,230 of Second Supervisorial District County Specified Excess Funds for implementation of the above mentioned Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 3th day of soptember, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

> SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM: JOHN F. KRATTLI **County Counsel**

Principal Deputy County Counsel